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Scherle Scathingly Attacks Douglas

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WASHINGTON — Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, long under fire for controversial money-making activities off the bench, is under new scathing attack-for, in effect, advocating defiance of law.

That's what Rep. William Scherle, R-Iowa, influential member of the Education and Labor Committee, charges in a bruising denunciation of Douglas' latest book, "Points of Rebellion."

Decisively characterizing one ultra-liberal and militant "peace-nik" jurist as an "aging Lothario", the outspoken lawmaker flatly demands he resign.

"If Justice Douglas, whom the taxpayers are subsidizing at \$60,000 a year for life," declared Scherle, "really believes his own incoherent drivel, he should resign from the Supreme Court and spend his time scampering up and down the witless paths followed by other anarchists. As a member of the highest tribunal of the land, his sworn duty is to uphold obedience of law. Instead, he openly advocates the flouting and breaking of law."

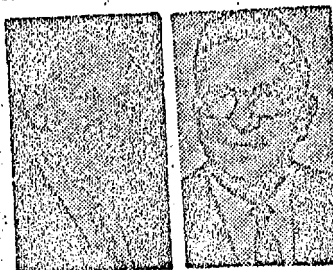
Continuing to mince no words, Scherle bluntly noted that Douglas has been married four times, twice to women less than a third his age.

"This 71-year-old swinger," said Scherle, "with a penchant for wives a half century younger than he, tirades against the FBI, CIA, police officials, educators and virtually every other organization or person with a semblance of dignified authority. And out of the other side of his mouth, he heaps praise upon the degenerate disciples of disorder while strongly hinting that the philosophy of citizens concerned about rampant crime and riotous behavior parallels that of Adolf Hitler."

"If that isn't mindless reasoning and anarchical logic, I don't know what is."

According to Scherle, Douglas' latest literary effort "practically invites" law defiance.

"This self appointed messiah of the hippies and yuppies," asserted Scherle, "is at it again in this latest money-grubbing venture of his. The aging Lothario practically invites his long-haired mental midgets to thumb their nose at the law enforcement agencies of our country and obey only the laws that suit their disordered minds and whims."



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"Douglas, an obvious student of the extra-curricular activities of Henry VIII, attempts to draw the ridiculous comparison between George III and what he describes as today's 'establishment'. This is the kind of mentality and morality that is now sitting on the highest court of the land handing down decrees momentarily affecting the lives and affairs of tens of millions of citizens throughout the land."

Scherle concluded his extraordinary castigation with the withering comment:

"The biggest 'point' in Douglas' new book, 'Points of Rebellion,' rests on the top of his shoulders. And the greatest service he could perform for this long-suffering country is to resign and made way for a jurist of high personal and public character, integrity and morality."